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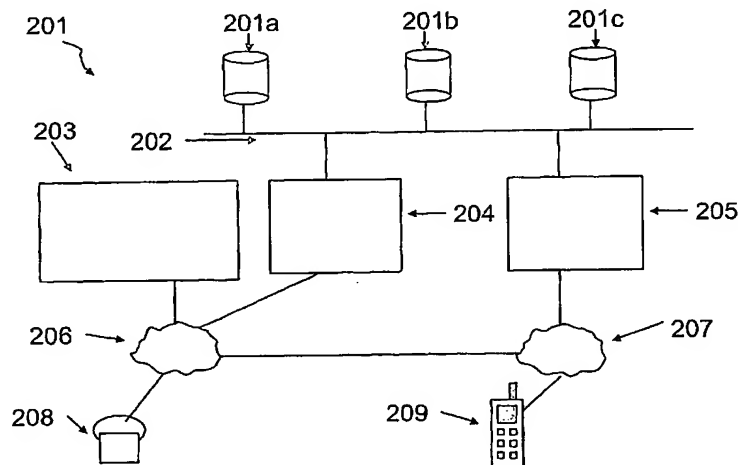
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(57) Abstract: A system and method is described for storing, controlling and accessing multimedia messages, like voice mail, email, video mail and short messages in a communications network, including the Internet or Intranet (202) and any other data or telephony network (206, 207). The communications network (202, 206, 207) comprises one or more storage facilities (201a, 201b, and 201c) for storing messages destined to be received by an intended receiver (209). A sender (208) of a message is provided control over the storage and access of the messages in the one or more storage facilities (201a, 201b, and 201c). The storage facilities (201a, 201b, 201c) may be directly assigned to the sender (208). The storage facilities (201a, 201b, 201c) may be distributed over the communications network (202, 206, 207) and dedicated to or optimized for a particular type of message.

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